V. The Origin of Language

Genesis 11:5-9

"The Lord came down

to see the city and the tower,

which the children of men built.

The Lord said,

"Behold,

they are one people,

and they all have one language,

and this is what they begin to do.

Now nothing will be withheld from them,

which they intend to do.

Come,

let’s go down,

and there confuse their language,

that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

So the Lord scattered them abroad from there

on the surface of all the earth.

They stopped building the city.

Therefore its name was called Babel,

because there the Lord confused the language

of all the earth.

From there,

The Lord scattered them abroad

on the surface of all the earth.”

The Sons After the Division

Then The sons of Japheth,

Ham,

and Shem

were separated once more—

each following the echo of their own words

into the corners of the earth.

Eber

father of Peleg

became keeper of Truth

the Noah of Babel

he preserved the memory of the lord

for the rest of shem’s family

Job

a faithful servant unto the lord

preserved the heart of God.

the man who walked through Sheol

and returned with wisdom.

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The sons of Japheth

mimicked the knowledge

of the God of Shem.

what Japheth built for relief,

comfort

became a obsession

of empire and security

They polished their own hands,

and begun to forge bronze and iron,

built kingdoms of order without spirit—

wise in craft,

but hollow in heart.

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The sons of Canaan and Ham

became priests of corruption

looked upon the ruins of Babel

and said,

“We will build higher.”

They shaped ziggurats,

pyramids,

rising above hands,

mimicking the mightiest of mountains

reaching for heaven through stone and labor

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The sons of Shem

scattered quietly through the wilderness.

Their city had fallen,

their names faded,

and they endured—

dwelling in tents,

keeping the breath of truth alive

in small,

hidden places.

whose faith prepared the way

for the call that would come later

in the fullness of time,

the Lord would call another man,

to raise a nation

where His Name

would never be forgotten.